

REMARKS

Applicants' attorney acknowledges the courtesies extended by Examiner T. Richardson and G. Bensing in a telephone interview Thursday, April 3, 2008, in which it was indicated that, subject to additional searching, the claims as amended herein appeared to recite allowable subject matter.

Responsive to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicants' provisional election to withdraw claims 25-33 without traverse is hereby affirmed.

The claims have been amended herein to correct obvious spelling errors.

Claim 1 has been amended to now recite that the at least one service provided by the DMA includes providing a supplies replenishment service. Support for this is found in the specification at page 50, at paragraph 0167.

Base claim 10 has been amended to now recite that the step of providing at least one core service includes providing an automatic billing service. Support for this is found in the specification at page 50, at paragraph 0167.

In view of the amendments made herein and for the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that the claims now patentably distinguish over the cited reference; and, accordingly, allowance of the claims is hereby requested.

CONCLUSION

☒ Remaining Claims, as delineated below:

(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT LESS HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		(3) NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CLAIMS	31	- 33 =	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	- 3 =	0


☒ The appropriate fee for the required **One Month** Extension of Time is being charged to a Credit Card via the EFS Web. This is an authorization under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any future reply, requiring a petition for extension of time, as incorporating a petition for the appropriate extension of time.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any filing or prosecution fees which may be required, under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 (but not 1.18), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 24-0037.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Patrick R. Roche/Roger A. Johnston, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

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